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Hall County Quilters Guild

March 2023



Quilt Top by Robin Tanis - completed at the 2023 Quilt Retreat

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I'm looking forward to our next meeting on March 6th. We will be back in our usual meeting place with a beautiful new floor. This meeting, we will hear Grant Hughes, a personal trainer, give us pointers on stretches and exercises for the quilter. If you were at our wonderful retreat last week you will appreciate his ideas.

We had a wonderful time at the quilt retreat. We got to know many new members, saw wonderful projects, and enjoyed games. Thanks to Chris Anderson who has been in charge of organizing our retreats for the past six years. Great job!!!.

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Upcoming Dates

Mar 6 - Installation of Officers/Grant Hughes, Personal Trainer

Mar 7 - Paula Wexler Applique Workshop

Mar 20 - Project Day

April 3 - Nancy Mahoney

April 4 - Wild Waves Workshop w/Nancy Mahoney

FROM OUR PRESIDENT CONTINUED -

March is the first month of our guild year so in addition to our speaker, we will be installing new officers, recognizing past officers, introducing new committee chairmen, collecting dues, and giving a short overview of new and exciting plans for the new year. I hope you all can attend!!

Lisa Vieira
President

PROGRAMS

At our March meeting we will have the installation of the officers ceremony. We will also hear from a personal trainer who will talk about keeping our bodies in shape while we spend time at our sewing machines.

On Tuesday, March 7, Paula Wexler will conduct the wool applique workshop. No preparation is required. Everything you need will be provided. We still have a few spaces left so if you want to join us, just let me know.

April brings us not only Spring Flowers, but a nationally known speaker. Nancy Mahoney will present a trunk show at our meeting and conduct a workshop on Tuesday, April 4. We have only three spots left at the time I'm writing this article, so if you want to join us for the Wild Waves workshop, contact me soon.

Spring has sprung and the Guild is off to another exciting year

Denise Ulrich
Programs



ANOTHER GREAT QUILT RETREAT IS IN THE BOOKS

Retreat 2023 is in the books. Everyone had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to next year. I would like to thank Sharon Weir, Bobby Martin, and Donna Proctor for all the help they gave me. This was year six for me and I have enjoyed doing the retreat. Now is the time to pass the torch for new leadership, thanks to Bobby Martin and Lisa Vieira for stepping up to chair next year. I know they will do a fantastic job.

We had many shops donate items for the door prizes and gifts. When you are in their shops please thank them for all they do for us. The shops are Quilt', Kaboodle, Thread Bear, Common Thread, A Crafted Cottage, Atlanta Sewing, Patrick's and Sea Stitches. Their generosity was greatly appreciated.

Chris Anderson

RECIPE

So many people asked for Connie Murphy's Almond Torte at the retreat that we decided to place it here for everyone to enjoy.

ALMOND TORTE

1/2 Cup of butter, melted
1 1/2 Cups of white sugar
2 large eggs
1 1/2 Cups of all-purpose flour
1/8 tsp. salt
2 tsp Almond Extract
1/4 Cup of sliced almonds

Beat butter and sugar at medium speed with mixer until smooth. Add eggs one at a time. Add flour, salt, and almond extract beating at low speed until smooth.

Line a 9" cake pan with aluminum foil, leaving excess foil hanging over the sides. Pour the batter into the foil-lined pan, sprinkle with almonds on the top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes until lightly brown. Let cool in pan for 5-10 minutes. Lift foil sides to remove from pan. Cool completely and wrap tightly in foil. Store wrapped torte in zip lock bag for freshness.

*** Don't peel off the foil while the cake is warm!!! It will stick! ***

Freezes well - so bake two while you're at it - one for now and one for later!

February birthdays!

3/1	Gail Thomas
3/2	Robin Tanis
3/6	Cheryl Locke
3/8	Barbara Wyatt
3/10	Roxan Brown
3/10	Morel Ann Klatka
3/13	Ida Schwind
3/16	Kate Bathe
3/29	Terry Morgan

MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder that your annual membership will be due in March. Our year runs from March 1 - February 28. Our dues are \$50.00. Please give your checks to Stacey Crain, our Membership Chairperson.

DOG AND CAT BEDS

Thanks for holding on to the beds last month. **The Humane Society is back up and running and looking forward to our donations.** I'll have covers available at the March meeting and will collect any you have finished.

Thanks again!

Chris Anderson

Our Officers and Committee Members for the 2023-2024 Year

President - Bobby Martin

Vice President/Programs - Margaret Johnson

Treasurer - Barbara Kinney

Secretary - Francis Allen

Committee Leadership -

Membership - Stacey Crain

Newsletter/Website - Debbie Dill, Jenny Grandfield

Eagle Ranch - Jenny Thomas, Peggy Johnson

Community Service - Connie Murphy

Project Day - Lisa Viera, Carol Johnson

Sunshine - Carol Johnson and Susan Steele

Birthday Raffle - Joyce Pinson

Welcome - Trisha Brisbois

Retreat **2024** - Bobby Martin, Lisa Viera

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

What quilt do you want to make that you have never made?

Barbara Kinney - The quilt that I have always wanted to make and have not done so is "Convex Illusions".

Sue Zarter - I have become a Villa Rosa designs card collector. I have made a few already and want to make a lot more. I love the simplicity of the patterns, the sizes, (good sizes for charity quilts), the app which lists all the cards, gives options to create lists for "what I want, what I own", and filters for fabric requirements. The web site also offers digital patterns for a lot of the patterns. Thanks to Quilt Con this past week, I have added significantly to my collection and will be busy for a long time.

Carol Harting - one of the quilts I've always wanted to make is Ricky Tims Cool Kaleidoscope.

Stacey Crain - I have never made a Dresden Plate. That is a goal of mine.

Marilyn Johnson - A Log Cabin. Somehow I have missed doing one.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Suzette Bowen
Melanie Coffman

Beth Drummond
Dianne Smith

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Cotton Patch Quilt Show - March 3rd - March 6th at Oconee County Convention Center in Watkinsville, GA. For more information <https://show.cpquilters.org/>

Original Sewing and Quilt Expo - March 9th - 11th at the Gas South Arena in Duluth, GA (off Sugarloaf Pkwy). For more information - <https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Atlanta-GA>

CALL FOR ENTRIES IN THE 2023 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS OF TENNESSEE SHOW

You labored for hundreds of hours on your latest creation, so why not share your quilt with others who will appreciate it? You may also get some well-deserved recognition for your hard work. The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will offer more than \$6,000 in awards at their show on June 23 and 24, 2023 at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. There will be 14 categories, including juniors, in which to enter your quilts and an additional 13 special awards.

Deadline for entries is April 22, 2023, so you have plenty of time to complete your masterpiece. Please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com for more information on the competition and for entry forms.



Hall County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2023 ~ Submitted by Trisha Brisbois, Secretary

Meeting called to order by Lisa Vieira

We met at Curt's Restaurant due to the fact that the church was redoing the floors in the fellowship hall where we meet.

A card was passed around for Pat Sheppard's family and a basket for monetary donations for QOV, Quilts of Valor, in memory of Pat Sheppard.

Next Meeting –

- Monday, March 6, 2023 ~ Installation of New Officers

- Tuesday, March 7, 2023 ~ Wool Applique workshop

Kit \$24/Workshop \$30

- Monday, April 3, 2023 ~ Guest Speaker, Nancy Mahoney

- Tuesday, April 4, 2023 ~ Nancy Mahoney Workshop

“Wild Waves” pattern. Workshop \$30

Vote For new officers:

President - Bobby Martin

Treasurer – Barbara Kinney

Secretary – Frances Allen

Programs – Margaret Johnson

Vote called for by Lisa Vieira

Unanimous vote by Guild Membership to accept new officers

Motion to accept by Denise Ulrich, 2nd by Pat Morgan

Secretary/Minutes – Trisha Brisbois

- Minutes are posted in the Newsletter on the Hall County Quilt Guild Website.
- Minutes approved, motion to accept by Chris Anderson
2nd by Becky Munteanu

Treasurer Report – Jenny Grandfield

- Financial report is posted on the Guild Website.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Report/Website – Interim Jenny Grandfield

- Remember to submit information/articles for the newsletter ASAP.
Information, reports, and articles need to be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance of newsletter publication.
- email newsletter info to newsletter@hcqg.org

Eagle Ranch Report – Jenny Thomas, Peggy Johnson

- Kits were available to take home.
- In need of a few long armers to quilt finished tops

Programs Report – Denise Ulrich

- March 6 – Installation of Officers
A Chiropractor will talk to us about good posture while sewing.
- March 7 – Wool Applique workshop
- April 3 – Nancy Mahone
April 4 – Workshop \$30

Membership Report – Stacey Crain

- \$50 Dues will be collected in March
- 32 Members in attendance, 3 new members
- Please wear your name tags! Find someone new and introduce yourself!
- Thank you Carol Harting for volunteering to help with membership
- Trisha Brisbois would like you to join her to greet guests and members as they arrive to our meetings. She needs volunteers to help new members and guests feel welcomed.

Community Service Report – Connie Murphy

- Projects for the year; Breast Cancer pillows, adult bibs, lap quilts for wheelchairs and walker caddies.
- Project Day: plan to come and help cut kits.
- We will be giving these to the residents of Manor Lake Nursing Home

Retreat – Chris Anderson

- Retreat is scheduled for February 14-18, 2022

February 27, 2023

Submitted by Trisha Brisbois, Secretary

- Retreat is full, but there is a waiting list.

Birthday Raffle – Joyce Pinson

- Reminder that all members are required to bring a raffle item/s on your birthday month. Any extras are always appreciated.

Project Day Report – Carol Johnson

- Project Day is on the 3rd Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 10:00am Leadership Meeting
- Bring your own lunch.

Sunshine Report – Carol Johnson

- Let Carol know if a card is needed for anyone.

Announcements:

Dog/Cat Beds for Humane Society– Chris Anderson

- Loads of dog/cat beds were brought in and she had covers to take home to fill.
- Chris asked that we hold onto any dog beds until further notice. The Humane Society had a water main burst, and they currently have animals out to foster homes until repairs can be made.

Quilts for Kids – Lisa Vieira

- Look for email/newsletter for details about workshops.
- Kits were available

Tula Pink Challenge – Margaret Johnson

- Margaret will be rotating off.
- If the Tula Challenge is going to continue, we need a coordinator for next year.

Show and Tell –

- Several fun beautiful projects were shown.

Meeting Dismissed – Lisa Vieira

News and Fun Facts:

March 3 -5th - Cotton Patch Quilt Show, Watkinsville, GA

February 27, 2023

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